

## **The Draft PBT List**

“...You have to look at it objectively and make the tough decisions...”

Theo Epstein<sup>1</sup>

### **Background**

- Draft PBT List includes 26 chemicals and chemical groups:
  - Banned pesticides/chemicals – 10 chemicals or chemical groups;
  - Chemicals with Washington Chemical Action Plans – 2 (Mercury and PBDEs);
  - Metals (pending review of bioavailability issues) – 2 (Cadmium and Lead);
  - Other - 12 chemicals and chemical groups.

### **Approach for Selecting Chemicals for the Initial PBT List**

- Identified chemicals with PBT scores = 9 (@175 chemicals);
- Identified and removed @25 registered pesticides from the list;
- Created chemical groups by combining chemical's with similar characteristics;
- Compiled data on “P”, “B” and “T”;
- Evaluated which chemicals/chemical groups meet the alternative sets of PBT criteria;
- Reviewed quality and quantity of information used to characterize P, B and T;
- Reviewed PBT Advisory Committee comments on PBT criteria and listing factors;
- Prepared recommendations for initial PBT list using available information and PBT criteria in the December 8<sup>th</sup> draft PBT rule.

### **Next Steps**

- Accept comments from PBT Advisory Committee members until March 15, 2005;
- Complete the evaluation of metals bioavailability issues;
- Review PBT Advisory Committee comments on individual chemicals and chemical groups;
- Prepare final technical background document and recommendations for the list of PBT chemicals to be included in the proposed rule (prior to publication of the proposed rule/CR 102).

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